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**Dear Sir:**

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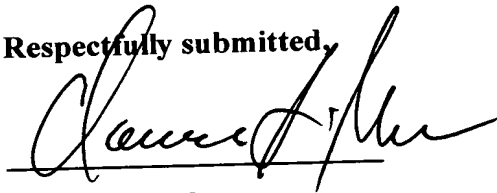
**The above-identified patent application has a corresponding PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/US98/23097 filed 30 October 1998**

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and a priority United States Patent No. 60/089,213 filed 15 June 1998. Applicants' attorney encloses a copy of a PCT International Search Report issued on the corresponding PCT International Application No. PCT/US98/23097. The International Search Report cited United States Patent Nos.: US 4,580,144, US 4,673,303, US 4,813,912, US 5,122,967, US 5,200,903, US 5,408,416, US 5,508,933, US 5,583,779, US 5,680,463, US 5,712,916, US 5,734,723 and US 5,848,401. Applicants' attorney also encloses a copy of United States Patent No. 5,615,120, which was cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application.

Copies of the PCT International Search Report and the cited references are enclosed together with PTO-Form 1449.

Respectfully submitted,



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